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ANNOUNCEMENT

A meeting of the Livestock Identification Advisory Board has been scheduled for:

DATE: Thursday, September 22, 2005

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

PLACE: San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation

3290 N. Ad Art Road Stockton, CA 95215

There were no meeting rooms available at the Stanislaus County Agricultural Center. We were unable to secure adequate parking at the CDFA headquarters building in Sacramento, so we moved the meeting to the San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation.

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Greg Lawley, Bureau Chief Bureau of Livestock Identification Animal Health and Food Safety Services

GL:mlm

Enclosure

Directions to San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation:

From Sacramento: take Hwy 99 South to the Cherokee Road exit and follow the road to the right, crossing over the freeway. At the bottom of the overpass, take the first immediate right, which is Ad Art Road. The SJFB office is the third building on the left, next to the CHP office. Map

Livestock Identification Advisory Board Agenda September 22, 2005

Purpose: This meeting will explore the options available to the Bureau of Livestock Identification for continued services provided to the California beef and dairy industries.

Background: Although fees have increased over the past two years, the Bureau has incurred escalating State mandated employee benefit and overhead costs. The revenue that is being generated by our current fee structure is inadequate to cover these mandated expenditures, plus the Bureau's operating costs. The Bureau has been able to continue to exist because it has relied on its cash reserves to fill budgetary gaps. However, the Bureau will deplete its cash reserves in a matter of three years if it continues to run at its current deficit. Because the program is industry–funded, other funding sources cannot be diverted to assist the program financially.

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